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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 3, 2004, applicant respectfully submits that replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 were filed with the Office on July 15, 2004, as indicated in the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated August 3, 2004.

Also in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts and the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated August 3, 2004, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by Lila Shepley. Also enclosed are Part 2 of the Notice to File Missing Parts and Part 2 of the Notice of Incomplete Reply dated August 3, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the surcharge of \$65.00 to Deposit Account Number 01-2384. If any additional extension or other fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2384. A duplicate of this Response is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Filing Receipt in the present application be corrected to set forth the correct Attorney Docket Number. A copy of the Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon is enclosed.

The correct Attorney Docket Number is: 22803-2.

Applicant further requests that a new, corrected Filing Receipt be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
 - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 2, 3, 5, 6.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity

• \$65 Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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